

## TILT IN HOUSE

SULLIVAN GIVEN THE FLOOR IN  
HEARST'S ABSENCE.

Bill Sterrett Sums Up the Effect of  
Sullivan's Speech — Democrats  
Concluded Row Had Not Been  
Beneficial to the Party.

W. G. Sterrett, the noted Wash-  
ington correspondent, in his letter to the  
Dallas News conveys the impression  
that Sullivan got the best of the tilt  
between him and Hearst. The letter  
is as follows:

The members of the house and  
the people of the city expected a re-  
newal this morning of the controversy  
between Congressmen Sullivan and  
Hearst, but they were disappointed.  
Last night, after the democrats had  
time in coolness to review the row of  
the day, they concluded that it had  
not been altogether beneficial to the  
party and they regretted it. Hence  
they felt somewhat badly at the pros-  
pects of its continuation when the  
house met today. It was apparent that  
Mr. Sullivan would attempt some ex-  
planation to the blunt charge of Mr.  
Hearst, that he was a felon, has  
been convicted of assisting his father  
in beating and kicking a man to  
death in a low dive, for when Mr.  
Hearst made the charge, he (Sullivan)  
arose to reply, but was prevented by  
the turmoil, parliamentary inquiries  
and the like. He demanded recogni-  
tion as soon as the house met, and  
once protests arose, an Arkansas man  
and a Kentucky man objecting that  
the right to explain was given, and Mr.  
Sullivan proceeded. But before he did  
he promised that if anyone objected  
to his remarks when he had concluded  
them he would expunge the whole  
of them from the record. The fairness  
of the proposition and the man's ap-  
parent frankness and desire to be  
heard appealed to the stern Ken-  
tuckian and the Arkansan, and he was  
interrupted by them no more. Briefly,  
he had been indicted for man-  
slaughter with his father; that a half-  
drunken man had demanded entrance  
into his father's hotel and was re-  
fused, and he thereupon broke the  
windows, which his father resented,  
and a fight with fists resulted. Finding  
his father getting the worst of it, he,  
a lad of 17, interfered. The father  
knocked the deceased down and his  
head striking the sidewalk, a fracture  
of the skull was the result. For this  
his father was sentenced to the house  
of correction for three years, but he  
was not convicted, the district attor-  
ney stating that he was not responsi-  
ble. The father was afterwards par-  
doned, two witnesses appearing and  
testifying that the deceased got drunk  
after the fight with him and the de-  
ceased fell down stairs, receiving in-  
juries which placed him in bed, from  
which he did not rise again.

That is the skeleton of the story told  
by Mr. Sullivan in the house today,  
and he backed it up with the records of  
the court and the board of pardons;  
but it was the way he told it that  
brought down the house.

When he said that if his father were  
here and was attacked as he had been  
then, he would again come to his de-  
fense, the house went wild with cheers.  
Democrats and republicans vied with  
each other in the noisy testimonials  
of approval. When the speaker was  
through, members crowded around him  
and shook hands with him. There is  
no doubt that he came out of the or-  
deal fifty times a greater man than  
when he went in. Mr. Hearst was not  
present, but came in immediately af-  
ter the speech was concluded. In a  
card in the morning paper here Mr.  
Hearst speaks as if he thought a co-  
ter in the house had put Mr. Sulli-  
van up to attack him yesterday and  
intimates that Mr. Sullivan's speech  
was prepared for him. This is laughed  
at as ridiculous.

### WAS SHOT DOWN.

Prominent Enid Man Killed After Re-  
ceiving Deceit Messages.

Enid, Okla., Feb. 14.—Robert O.  
Beers, deputy sheriff, ex-postmaster and  
ex-volunteer in the United States ar-  
my was shot down Sunday night in the  
hallway of the Anheuser-Busch build-

ing in this city, by Jacob Erickson, a  
telephone lineman.

Beers was a candidate for the office  
of city marshal, and just before six  
o'clock a telephone message porpo-  
ring to come from the office of the city  
attorney, asking him to meet the offi-  
cial at his office at once. He went to  
the office, found it locked, and was  
turning away, when he was confront-  
ed by J. W. Walton and Jacob Erick-  
son, both employees of the telephone  
company.

Angry words were followed by Beers  
drawing his gun and Erickson shoot-  
ing him in the head before he had a  
chance to shoot.

Beers died early this morning. He  
was 28 years old and had an honora-  
ble record as a soldier in the volunteer  
army in the Philippines, where he won  
distinction by killing Aguinaldo's  
chief of staff, as a sharpshooter. He  
leaves a widow. The body will be bur-  
ied at El Reno. The cause of the kill-  
ing is reported to be the improper re-  
lations existing between a woman and  
Beers. Walton and Erickson are both  
in jail waiting a hearing.

### Edwards Post Office Robbery.

Special to the Ardmoreite.  
Kiowa, I. T., Feb. 15.—The post of-  
fice at Kiowa was robbed Friday night  
of \$500 in cash and stamps. Yesterday,  
while the post office inspector was  
checking up the books, some men be-  
came involved in a difficulty and the  
inspector ordered them out of the  
building. One of the men then drew a  
gun and struck his antagonist over  
the head, knocking him down, and fired  
the gun, the ball passing through  
the floor of the building. No one was  
seriously hurt that we can hear of, nor  
has any clue as to the robbers been  
obtained.

### Child Choked to Death.

Special to the Ardmoreite.  
Kiowa, I. T., Feb. 15.—The little  
three-year-old daughter of Chas. W.  
Williams was choked to death yesterday  
afternoon by swallowing a small toy  
cup, with which it had been playing.  
The remains were taken to South 25-  
Aster for burial.

### May Nullify Indictments.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 15.—It was re-  
ported today that one member of the  
last grand jury was not a qualified  
voter of Comanche county, and there-  
fore, disqualified to sit on the jury,  
and as a result all the indictments  
returned by the jury may be expunged  
from the records.

### Call Meeting.

Ardmore Lodge, No. 31, A. F. and A.  
M., will meet in call session at Ma-  
sonic Temple at 7:30 this evening.  
Work in the third degree.

A. EDDLEMAN, W. M.  
G. H. BRUCE, Sec.

### Slaves in the United States.

The black man from Morocco, own-  
ed by Gilbert White, a painter, is said  
to be the only slave in the United  
States. This may be doubtful. The  
remnant of Seminole Indians in Flor-  
ida, living and dying in the Everglades,  
have been slave owners from time im-  
memorial. There is only about 500 left  
and their habitat is the unmapped, un-  
gazetted village of Tallafajassa,  
some fifteen miles from Fort Pierce,  
therefore, only a wire-wound cannon  
shot from the home of the late Sena-  
tor Quay at St. Lucie, on the Indian  
river. Most Floridians (not Floridians  
in the lower part of the peninsula  
have seen Indians in town with their  
negro slaves bearing, etc. I have not  
visited the Everglades from several  
years, but have no doubt but that  
slavery exists there, notwithstanding  
government efforts to end it.

### Sent Special Train.

A special train was sent by the Katy  
to Colbert, I. T., this morning to bring  
the body of Mrs. Minnie Rucker and  
a funeral party to Denison. The party  
left here for Greenville, near where  
the funeral will be held.

Mrs. Rucker was the 17-year-old  
wife of W. E. Rucker of Paucaunla,  
I. T. The couple were married just  
before Christmas and were residing on  
a farm. Eighteen days ago the girl  
was standing before an open fireplace,  
when her dress caught fire. She ran  
from the house and to the creek, where  
she was caught by her husband's  
brother. The flames were extinguished  
but the girl was so badly burned  
that she could not recover, dying Sat-  
urday night.

The funeral party arrived at Colbert  
last night, but were unable to stop a  
night train and the special train was  
sent up this morning—Tuesday's Her-  
ald.

## TO STOP HUNTING

ORDERS TO CONFISCATE ALL AM-  
MUNITION, GUNS, ETC.

Hunting Parties Will Be Scarce—Or-  
ders Come From Indian Agents'  
Office and United States  
Marshal.

Marshal Colbert of the Southern divi-  
sion has received instructions from  
the United States Indian agent to con-  
fiscate all guns, ammunition, buggies,  
cooking utensils and other parapher-  
nalia belonging to hunting parties.  
This order will practically stop all  
hunting in the Chickasaw Nation as  
Marshal Colbert will instruct all his  
deputies to see that the Indian agent's  
instructions are carried out.

It is known that Indian Police Mc-  
Cauley received similar instructions  
some time ago. The action of Indian  
Agent Schoenfeld is due to the reckless  
and indiscriminate slaughter of game  
by hunters who invade the territory.

Policeman McCauley said that it was  
strictly against the law to market  
game. It seems that if hunters had  
used discretion instead of being avaric-  
ious the order would not have been  
made.

### Killed by Santa Fe.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Feb. 15.—Ber-  
nard Mehlberth, a farmer, was struck  
by a northbound train on the Santa  
Fe line last evening and instantly killed.  
Mehlberth was returning home  
from Oklahoma City and it is sup-  
posed did not see the approaching train.

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS FOR THE CHICKASAW NATION TALKS

Says This Nation Will Share in the  
School Appropriation of \$150,000,  
Although the House Bill Makes

No Provision.

Prof. George Beck, supervisor of  
schools in the Chickasaw Nation, was  
in the city yesterday for a few hours.  
He was en route to Duncan to attend  
the district school convention.

While here Prof. Beck took occasion  
to correct the report which has been  
extensively circulated to the effect  
that the Chickasaw Nation had not  
been provided for in the school approp-  
riation made for the territory. He  
stated that the appropriation bill pend-  
ing made full provision for the schools  
and that the report that the Chickasaw  
Nation was left out was entirely er-  
roneous. He said that he did not know  
how the report originated. There will  
be no discrimination against this na-  
tion, he said, smilingly.

The appropriation bill as passed the

## ADDITIONAL POWER TO HITCHCOCK

Appropriation Bill Provides That Hitch-  
cock Must Approve Patent.

It may be of interest to those who  
are entitled to allotment in the Chick-  
asaw Nation to state that the Indian  
appropriation bill, as it passed the  
house, authorizes the secretary of the  
interior to issue patent in fee simple  
to any adult mixed-blood Indian, to  
whom a trust or other patent has been  
issued containing restrictions upon  
alienation. Upon the issuance of such  
patent in fee simple all restrictions as to  
sale, incumbrance or taxation of the  
lands so patented, shall be removed.  
This provision will practically give  
the secretary discretionary power in  
the matter of approving patents, if it  
should be enacted into law.

Secretary Hitchcock is very anxious  
it seems, to pass on all deeds, etc.

## STAND- ARD OIL

AND THE RAILROADS FAIL TO  
HANDLE KANSAS.

State Refinery Will Be Built—Appro-  
priation of Nearly Half a Million  
to Maintain It—Convict Labor  
Will Be Used.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 15.—A bill pro-  
viding for the establishment of a state  
oil refinery passed the Kansas house  
of representatives today by a vote of  
91 to 39. Governor Hoch will sign the  
bill at once. Under its provision a re-  
finery will be located at Peru, Kansas.  
Another penitentiary will be built there  
to provide convict labor for the refinery.  
An appropriation of \$410,000 is  
made for building and maintaining the  
refinery and penitentiary.

This ends one of the most bitter  
fights ever before a Kansas legislature.  
The Standard Oil company and the  
railroads have maintained strong op-  
positions here vainly trying to defeat the  
bill.

### Smallpox at Troy Post Office.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15.—It is  
reported at the office of the superin-  
tendant of the railway mail service  
in this city that Troy, I. T., has been  
quarantined on account of smallpox.  
The superintendent has ordered the  
mail cars closed against the reception  
of mail from that town on account of  
the danger of spreading the disease  
to other places.

Turkeys, like men, are never fully  
appreciated until they are dead.

trictly, is a mile long and winds errati-  
cally in and out among the woods and  
broken ground. The animal is provid-  
ed in the shape of a life sized deer,  
mounted on a small bogie truck.

At a speed which can be regulated  
at any pace up to ten or twelve miles  
an hour, the deer is carried through  
the woods, and as it appears at the  
different openings out among the trees  
along the route of the railway, Mr.  
Mackay and his sporting friends get  
a chance for just one quick shot as  
the hunter in the Maine woods has to  
rely on to fill his bag.

At the end of the run the deer comes  
to a standstill in a sheltered pit,  
where a marker is posted. He notes  
the places where the deer has been hit,  
telephones by means of a special wire  
laid down for the purpose, the results  
of his aim to the man with the gun,  
and then as soon as he has pasted a  
piece of canvass or brown paper over  
the wounds that have been made, is  
ready to start the deer off again to  
run the gauntlet of the marksmen a  
second or third time.

### Two Arrests Are Made.

Shawnee, Ok., Feb. 15.—Sheriff Wm.  
Grace and Deputy Sheriff Carr, who  
went Saturday to "The Corners" to  
make arrests of the parties implicated  
in the shooting scrape which occurred  
there Thursday evening and in which  
John Coleman was killed and the two  
men, Sam Parks and Henry Lobough,  
received gunshot wounds, the former  
in the hip and the latter through the  
hand, report the arrest and placing in  
jail at Tecumseh of Parks and the in-  
terception of Lobough by a deputy  
United States marshal at Wynnewood,  
yesterday.

Sheriff Grace said today that after  
crossing into the Chickasaw Nation  
on the trail of Henry Lobough he at  
one time got within seven miles of  
his man, after a chase of about thirty  
miles, and that but for the fact that  
Lobough was compelled to stop a few  
hours and have his wounded hand  
dressed he would soon have been out  
of reach and his capture would have  
been considerably delayed.

After receiving the information that  
his man was in the custody of the offi-  
cer at Wynnewood, he returned here  
from Ada by way of Holdenville today  
and will go to Wynnewood tonight  
and get the prisoner and bring him to the  
Pottawatomie county jail.

### ABOUT TOWNSITES.

Inspector Wright Says That Work Can  
Be Finished Within a Year.

The Ardmoreite has had many in-  
quiries concerning the work of apprais-  
ing the towns in the Chickasaw Nation.  
It is rumored that the townsites com-  
mission and force were furloughed last  
year, because of lack of funds with  
which to carry on the work. Many  
towns are anxious that the work be  
resumed. For the benefit of the read-  
ers of this paper advice has been re-  
ceived at this office from Muskogee to  
the effect that the work of appraising  
lots in government townsites in Indian  
Territory can be practically finished  
within a year. The Indian appropria-  
tion bill which is now before the sen-  
ate, and will probably be passed with-  
in the next few days, carries with it  
an appropriation of \$10,000 for town-  
site work during the coming year. Last  
year the appropriation was \$25,000 but  
as the surveys have been completed the  
townsite department can be main-  
tained on less than half the amount pre-  
viously required.

Prior to January 1 all townsites com-  
missioners and several others connect-  
ed with the department were furloughed  
on account of a shortage of funds for  
paying their salaries. As soon as  
the appropriation bill passes these will  
be placed again on the pay rolls and  
townsite work will proceed undisturb-  
ed.

### Wants Americans in Charge.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—M. Souro-  
vin, in a sarcastic editorial article in  
the Novoye Vremya, on the troubles in  
Russia, suggests that the best egress  
from the present trouble is to invite  
an American syndicate to come in  
and take over the government, "as  
Americans make the best managers of  
big enterprises."

### School Appropriation.

Superintendent J. D. Benedict, in  
checking up his books yesterday  
found that \$43,000 had been used of  
the \$100,000 appropriated by congress  
for schools up to January 1. The bal-  
ance, a little over half, will be used to  
complete the winter and spring terms.  
—Phoenix.

See our J. I. Case plows and culti-  
vators. NOBLE BROS.

## MAMMOTH CAVE FIND

LOCATED NEAR THE TOWN OF  
DAVIS, I. T.

A Story That Resembles Those That  
Formerly Eminated From Tulsa  
and Muskogee—Said to Have  
Been Outlaws' Rendezvous.

Special to the Ardmoreite.

Davis, I. T., Feb. 15.—An interesting  
discovery has just been made on the  
allotment of Nancy Fatobby, a full-  
blooded Choctaw, living near Antlers.  
The land she filed on for a homestead  
is about four miles southwest of Davis  
on what is called Wild Horse  
creek. She is said to have taken this  
land because her old sweetheart once  
lived on it, near a beautiful spring  
which gushes out of the hillside just  
on one corner of her land.

This discovery is a cave which seems  
to widen out into one vast underground  
river, which flows rapidly and roars  
like a rushing torrent. Those who  
have visited the cave tell interesting  
stories about it. They say that one  
can enter about three hundred yards  
without difficulty, but from there on  
for a quarter of a mile it is difficult  
work. There are notches cut in the  
rock at these steep inclines and it is  
evident that at some time this cave  
was inhabited by intelligent beings.  
Some express the belief that outlaws  
in the early days frequented the place,  
and it is said to be a fact. An old in-  
dian who lived near there many years  
ago says he knew men to go in there  
with plenty of provisions to last them  
for months, and would remain there  
for a long time.

John Simmons, an old prospector  
who has been in this locality for sev-  
eral years, says that he has been in  
the cave several times, but has never  
been down near the river. He says  
there is an awful roar in there all the  
time, and he supposed it to be wind  
instead of water. His opinion is that  
robbers once made the cave their win-  
ter hiding place. The neighborhood  
has been considered an out-of-the-way  
place for several years and few resi-  
dents of Davis have visited the cave  
until quite recently. Those who have  
spent several hours in there say it is  
the most wonderful place they have  
ever seen. One may say it is more  
like a large tunnel, made by man, than  
anything else. It appears to have been  
used for a hiding place for outlaws  
many years ago.

The country lying to the south of  
this place is now well settled by a  
good class of farmers, and to the north  
of it a rather hilly, broken country.  
The neighborhood would not indicate  
such a wonderful place. The cave at  
its mouth is not more than three feet  
across, but as one enters on a gradual  
incline it grows larger and wider. The  
walls are dry and comparatively  
smooth in appearance. The writer  
refused to go farther than about three  
hundred feet.

### Wright Takes Charge.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 15.—Today In-  
dian Inspector Wright received orders  
from Washington, D. C., to as-  
sume charge of all affairs of the de-  
partment of the interior in Indian Ter-  
ritory except those under the Dawes  
commission.

The Indian agency is placed under  
the supervision of the inspector and  
the agent must report to him in all  
matters. The revenue collectors must  
report to the inspector instead of the  
agent.

This is the result of signal made on  
the inspector by Agent Schoenfeld, who  
tried to get Wright removed. The de-  
partment stood by Wright and increas-  
ed his powers over the agent. It is  
rumored that the agent will resign be-  
fore he will submit.

L. D. Mason is overstocked with  
folding beds and dressers and is pre-  
pared to save the people of Ardmore  
and surrounding country money on all  
household furniture. Call and see him  
on North Washington before buying.  
2-11

Homer Boyd has erected a show win-  
dow in the front of his store on North  
Washington street, to better display  
his goods.